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LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION OF SCHEMES BY PLANNING COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Planning Commission has taken a decision to reduce some centrally sponsored schemes relating the Ministryof Human Resource Development;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a): The Planning Commission undertakes a review of the existing Centrally Sponsored Schemes from time to time and subjects them to Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB), retaining only those schemes that are demonstrably essential.

(b): The exercise helps in rationalizing the schemes by making them more focused and it also streamlines the delivery system to ensure that benefits reach the target group.

(c): The Common Minimum Programme that has been adopted by the Government refers to transfer of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes except in national priority areas like family planning to States.